

WILLIAMS UNDER FIRE.

He Brands All as Most In- famous Lies.

PIGEONS AT DELMONICO'S.

RAIDS THAT CARRY MONEY TO THE STATION HOUSE.

The Captain Loses His Temper—Commissioner Martin on the Stand—No Friction Between Him and Byrnes—Voorhees Recommended a Man Who Paid Money—Says That New York Was the "Finest" in the World—Comstock Wants to Testify.

New York, Dec. 28.—There seemed to be a full tide in the interest manifested by the public during the previous sittings of the Lexow committee, but before Mr. Gott had got well under way the court room was rapidly filled, and there was the usual throng of spectators.

Inspector Williams again faced Mr. Gott, and resumed his hard, dry details of the case, receiving many questions of every description. He got very angry when questioned about his wife's diamonds, particularly a diamond ring in regard to which Mr. Gott asked him if it came from the American bank.

Commissioner Martin was the next witness who excited the most interest. Anthony Comstock appeared with a demand to be heard in regard to Mr. Gott's charges against him, but he was refused. Senator Lexow announced the hearing would close tomorrow for the present.

Mr. Gott said: "Through the kindness of the Associated Press I have been supplied with a copy of an interview with Mr. Comstock last night, and I will now say that I decline to say anything or have any communication with Mr. Comstock until he puts in writing all he knows and all he is prepared to say in reference to a certain case in which he says I was prosecutor while holding the position of assistant district attorney."

"The chair is still open for any person who wishes vindication, and as this committee will have to adjourn this afternoon, I will now call on a number of claimants for vindication after the session has ended."

In the Lexow committee today Inspector Williams took the stand. Gott asked Williams questions about the United States bonds, and witness said he never had. Several questions as to witnesses' property followed and also a few questions about William's yacht. Then Gott asked Williams about money.

"I was never paid any money," said Williams. "I was never paid any money, but I was never paid any money."

"Not a penny," was the reply. "Did you get any money?" "Yes, but not in tenderness, as you call it. I got money down town."

"From whom?" "From the firm of Fleiss & Hoy, 47 Broadway."

"How much did you get?" "About \$5,000 or \$6,000. Fleiss said he was dealing in stocks. I gave him no money, but he was willing to take the risk. I did not know anything about it."

"This Mr. Fleiss is connected with the Hollywood Whisky company, in which you were accused of having interest?"

"Yes, I believe so; but he had no position in the company at that time. He told me his brother was connected with the company."

"Did you ever send for an envelope containing valuable property and have it taken from Wardman Dunlap's room when he was dying?"

"Witness said he had an account in the Bowers Savings bank of less than \$300; one in Seaman's of less than \$100, and one in Dry Dock of less than \$200. He did not have any other accounts, but his wife might have. He knew his wife got \$5,000 from Peter Head, Scotland."

"Did your wife wear a diamond cross?" "No, she never wore one."

"Was it not taken from the French Madame, a notorious woman?" "I deny it and brand it as an infamous lie," shouted the witness, passionately.

"I never knew the French Madame. She was the next reply to Gott's question."

"Did you ever get a presentation in Lyric hall?" "Yes, an album."

"What was it worth?" "Two thousand five hundred dollars. It was presented to me by Jerome Buck. Several persons subscribed to the fund to buy the album; among them were several judges of criminal courts here, after I was exonerated on trial."

"Did you eat pigeons at Delmonico's?" asked Mr. Gott.

"You are romancing," exclaimed Williams.

"Do you know what a pigeon is?" "Yes, a bird."

"A bird that flies from Delmonico's with an envelope containing a \$5 bill to the station house, eh?" "I know nothing about it."

"Did you not collect \$5 from Charlie Delmonico every night and did not a policeman say that was outside your purview?"

"I never heard anything about it."

"Tell us about the album which was presented to you by Buck worth \$2,500. Was it not a present from the gamblers of the Tenderloin gotten up by Neuberger?"

"It was gotten up by a man named Brady."

"Did not Commissioner Voorhees give as his reason for promoting you that it was necessary to get you out of the tenderloin, your conduct was so bad?"

"I don't know."

"There was a presentation made by the grand jury calling for your removal and that of Captain Allaire for allowing gambling houses to exist within a stone's throw of the station house?"

"Yes."

"You permitted this state of things to go on?" "No."

"The statement made by the grand jury is false."

"They are untrue."

named Rosefield and he went to your office to see the assistant against one of your subordinates."

"He may have done so."

"Did not you ask him if he had any money to give the matter and say to him when he stated that he had no money and would not give it up if he had, 'Go to hell, you shabby fellow. I am going to see the police, you people killed Christ and you are not wanted here?'"

"I brand that as a lie."

Mr. Gott then read a list of broiled keepers in certain streets of the Tenderloin, which were reported by Inspector Williams as existing in the Tenderloin, and asked whether he closed them."

Inspector Williams said he closed some of them. "He was always closing disorderly houses when in the Tenderloin."

"Now, tell us how much money you got each month while acting captain of the Tenderloin?"

"I never collected anything."

"Well, your warman did."

"No, he didn't."

"You have got rich on the proceeds of the corruption."

"If I were a rich man I would not be here now answering your questions."

"Did you say to a policeman that you were not such a chump as to invest your money in the Tenderloin, where it was bound to come out some time, but that you had your money invested in government bonds?"

"A person who says that is a liar, and you say you say so, too," exclaimed Williams angrily.

Mr. Gott objected to this language and Chairman Lexow tried to calm the witness.

Inspector Williams was questioned as to the dimensions of his yacht, and then as to his wealth. He said he was worth about \$35,000 or \$40,000. He had \$10,000 in the American bank.

He owned no bonds or securities, but had mining stock to the value of \$100. His tenth street house was not included in this estimate.

Mr. Gott then asked the witness to Captain Schmidt's evidence.

"Schmidt says your confidential man."

"He was not; I had no confidential man."

Williams denounced Schmidt's evidence, saying he was a liar.

Did you not christen the precinct known as the Tenderloin with a name, known name which has made it famous?"

"Well, in speaking to a reporter, I said I had been living on rum and steak in the Tenderloin, and that I was going to be a better saloon, hotel and restaurant there."

"You said that you preferred the Tenderloin to the rum, and I correct in spelling the word."

Williams said that he had an affidavit from ex-Captain Carpenter.

"So that I could use it if I were brought on trial."

"On trial?"

"Probably in the criminal court or before the commissioners," said Williams.

In answer to the question of evidence against you of being a corrupt politician, everyone who so testified did so freely."

"Yes, sir."

Mr. Lexow asked the witness how it was in the face of all the publicity that he could be in existence today without being arrested by the police."

"I don't know," said Williams. "They are making arrests all the time."

"Well, who did they arrest?"

"Probably they did not know such a thing as going on."

Williams said he was arrested by Anthony Comstock came into the room and spoke to the commissioners at this time.

Mr. Comstock was evidently very angry, and when the session adjourned he would demand an opportunity to publish a vindication of himself.

Morris Rosefield was called to the stand. He testified that he was a witness to the treatment of the hands of the police. He described a visit to the Tenderloin.

"I was outside my boarding house with a friend of mine who tried to open the door. He was arrested. He came and told my companion to move on. He tried to explain, and the officer said to him, 'You are a damned liar. You are a damned liar. You are a damned liar.'"

ments as to the best force," said Commissioner Martin. Continuing he said: "For physique and intelligence the New York force cannot be excelled by that of any other."

"It has been shown to be the most dependable and corrupt," replied Mr. Gott.

"Well, it has not been an investigating committee in other places yet," was the rejoinder.

"Have you brought your bank books with you, commissioner?"

"The witness produced two books and several check books which he handed to Mr. Gott. He then made his statement."

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SANTAROSA'S BIG SENSATION.

The County Treasury Robbed of Nearly Eight Thousand Dollars.

LOCKED WITHIN THE VAULT.

COUNTY TREASURER STOFEN IS ALMOST SUFFOCATED.

He Was Knocked Insensible and the Vault Doors Closed and Locked.

Upon Him—So Close That His Wife Who Had Been Released by No Trace of the Robber.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 28.—Santa Rosa had the biggest sensation in its history today. The county treasury was robbed of nearly \$8,000 and County Treasurer Stofen was left insensible in the vault to suffocate by the robbers who locked the door of the vault on him.

The robbery occurred about 9 o'clock this morning but was not discovered until 5 o'clock this afternoon. All this time County Treasurer Stofen lay on the floor of the vault gasping for breath, fearing every moment during the robbery that he would be killed.

Had it not been for the timely arrival of his wife, the only person in town who knew the combination, he would have been dead. She had been at the bank and returned here about 4 o'clock, learned that the treasurer had not been home to dinner. The children said they had taken his dinner and left it in the vault.

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The future of the Indian race, declares the superintendent of the Fort Yuma industrial school, depends on their knowledge of the rights of the Indian.

"The value of manual labor as performed by himself and one problem in the way of the Indian is solved."

"The Moquis in Arizona are reported a long way behind the Navahos in ability to do manual labor."

By perseverance and industry, says Superintendent Goodman, the Moquis will be able to do as much as the Navahos and take their place with other American citizens.

Students reported in this county adjoining the Greenville, California, school, one of the older pupils at the training school at Fort Yuma, who has already received sufficient literary and industrial education to earn their living, remain in the school and enjoy twenty-two months of the vacation of two months on their return to their homes.

As heretofore published in these columns, deceased came to his death near McCammon, Ida., while on his way to spend Christmas in Salt Lake and New Years with his relatives here. Beyond the fact that he was killed by a train, some time past and getting out of a warm car there, a chill and heart failure resulted in his sudden death.

Few men of his years in Utah were so respected as Mr. Corbett. He has ever so deeply affected his father as his son's sudden death. He was born December 17, 1850.

His property is estimated at \$50,000, mostly consisting of cattle, investment, stores, factories and cash, and is divided among his three brothers and Mrs. P. T. Farnsworth, with consideration in favor of "Aunt May," the devoted friend of his deceased mother.

Brady's People Are Ready to Accept Any Reasonable Offer.

New York, Dec. 28.—Corbett's manager, William A. Brady, said last night:

"If the Florida Athletic club is unable to pull off the fight, I am willing to accept any reasonable offer for the Kinetoscope people make for a fight in America, but I understand Mr. Edison says he does not want the fight."

Moreover, I cannot see why Fitzsimmons keeps harping about it. Fitzsimmons has never had any experience with kinetoscopes while Corbett and I have. Furthermore, his present condition the kinetoscope would be absolutely useless in a finish fight. A kinetoscope room is limited to a minute and a half of time.

"If Fitzsimmons really wants to fight Corbett, he had better live up to his agreement with the Florida Athletic club, which is to fight on the 10th of January. He has already shown by the business like manner in which it has arranged the preliminaries of the fight."

A SPECIAL CAR ON FIRE.

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 28.—Early this morning the officers' special car Nebraska on the St. Joseph & Grand Island was discovered to be on fire at a point about three miles east of Edgar. In the car were Superintendent A. M. Johnson, his wife and two children, Attorney M. A. Reed, of the railroad, and Judge J. B. Cessna, of this city, who were sound asleep and barely escaped with their lives.

COLD WEATHER IN FLORIDA.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 28.—Florida is experiencing the coldest weather it has seen since 1876, with the mercury registering 16 degrees. The thermometer seems likely to go lower tonight, and it will prove disastrous to the orange groves.

NATIONAL SKATING ASSOCIATION.

New York, Dec. 28.—The advent of King Frost finds the officials of the National Amateur Skating association on the alert with the programme for the annual championship already prepared. Warned by their adverse experiences of the past two winters they have taken time by the forelock and fixed Saturday, January 15, as the date for the sport in Orange lake near Newburgh, N. Y. The programme includes races at 400 yards, one mile, five and ten miles. None of the events have ever taken place on account of the late season.

In the 1893 series at Red Bank, Howard Hosher, of Storm King, N. Y., went 400 yards, and he is training hard to regain this championship. He is expected to win the 400 yard championship, as are Joe Donohue, Newburgh, N. Y.; C. and W. Clark, Storm King, N. Y.; W. G. Douglass, New York; and J. H. Phillips, New York, and John Johnson. The last named has written expressing his wish to enter for all the events.

Nothing has been heard from Johnson's skating partner, Olaf Ridd, who quietly withdrew from the championship in 1893, while Joe Donohue and Johnson were watching each other. Even if the holder does not turn up the race is bound to be a linker between the old and the new, representing the old and the new.

element is expected in the events, as many of the junior experts who have not sped for the shorter race, may wish to try their staying qualities.

OTTO ZEIGLER GETS A SALARY.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 28.—Otto Zeigler, Jr., has become a member of the Falcon team and will receive a salary of \$300. The contract has been signed and in about ten days other members of the team will arrive from the east and go into training here. In April Zeigler will start with the team east.

ATLANTA AT HAMPTON ROADS.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Atlanta dropped down from Norfolk to Hampton Roads, Admiral Meade, commanding the north Atlantic station, has been notified this ship is ready for sea and has been instructed to send her to the coast of the West Indies. She will relieve the Columbia and the latter vessel will be ordered home from Jamaica to be docked.

A SMALL BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 28.—The Commercial Savings bank, a small concern, closed its doors today. John Wickham, president, Dr. C. E. McDonald, cashier, Thos. W. Adams, and J. C. Adams, of Almira, Charles V. Wadham, of Spokane, and J. C. Hamilton, of St. Paul, were the directors.

The capital stock was \$100,000. The last official statement issued October 2, 1894, showed assets of \$100,000; capital, \$50,000; loans, \$40,000; cash and deposits, \$10,000.

CASH IN THE TREASURY.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The cash balance today is \$104,438,561, of which \$88,099,588 is gold, from which must be deducted \$1,000,000 for the redemption of \$1,000,000 withdrawn yesterday but not heretofore reported.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Bowling Green, Ky., Dec. 28.—A saw-mill boiler exploded at Bonair, Barron county, killing five men and badly scalding many. The cause of the death of Bird, Fann, Derring and Spark.

This mill was the property of Hard and was almost totally destroyed.

DOMESTIC DOTS.

Newsp Notes From All Portions of the Land Over Which the Stars and Stripes Wave.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The civil federation have at last decided to appeal to the state supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus to Chicago empowered to probe into every public official about which there is any suspicion of corruption.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Ex-Secretary John W. Foster, about to start for the east to assist the Chinese peace commission in negotiation for terms of peace, called at the state department today and had an interview with Secretary Gresham respecting his mission.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 28.—Phyllis, the celebrated stallion owned by J. C. Case, died last night. It was a record of 2:10 1/4.

Washington, Conn., Dec. 28.—Leah's hotel and the Platt block, the finest in the city, burned today. Loss, \$4,000.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The case of the United States vs. George Patterson, who is charged with complicity in the smuggling operations of the Emerald Smuggling syndicate, was dismissed at the request of United States District Attorney Knight.

Deadwood, S. D., Dec. 28.—Two Sileks, the Sioux Indian, sentenced for robbing a stagecoach, were hanged at 10 o'clock by United States Marshal Pennington in the presence of fifty persons. He died easily and quickly.